



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 10
1200 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98101

To: Lead-Based Paint Activities Firms and Professionals

Re: Applying for EPA Firm and Individual Certification

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is now certifying firms, organizations and individuals to provide lead-based paint inspection, risk assessment and abatement in pre-1978 residential housing and child-occupied facilities. If you plan to provide these services in Alaska, Idaho, Washington or Tribal Areas in the Region, you must be certified by EPA.

If you wish to work in the state of Oregon, contact the Oregon Health Division's Lead Line at **(503)731-4500** for more information.

To order application forms and instructions for both individuals and firms/organizations, call the application assistance Help Line at **1-800-424-LEAD** or download application forms from <http://www.epa.gov/r10earth/lead.htm> then click on "Training and Certification."

Follow these steps to apply as an individual:

- Contact EPA Region 10 for a list of EPA accredited lead-based paint activities training courses.
- Obtain EPA-accredited training in the appropriate discipline (inspector, risk assessor, supervisor, worker, project designer) unless you are currently certified by an EPA-approved state lead program.
- Contact EPA Region 10 or call the application assistance hotline for application forms and instructions and fee information.
- Apply to EPA for certification - include proof of training, education, experience, and state certification, if applicable.
- Submit payment for certification and exam fees to EPA Financial Management Center.
- Obtain eligibility from EPA to take third party exam for inspector, risk assessor, and supervisor (no exam for worker or project designer)
- Sign up for and pass third party exam in your discipline, if applicable.
- Obtain EPA certification.

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Follow these steps to apply as a firm or organization:

- Contact EPA Region 10 or call the application assistance hotline for application forms and instructions and fee information.
- Apply to EPA for firm certification.
- Submit fee payment to EPA Financial Management Center.
- Obtain EPA certification.

As mandated by Congress, EPA is required to collect fees to recover the cost of administering the lead-based paint activities certification program. Both individuals and firm and organizations must pay fees for EPA certification. See EPA fee sheet for individual and firm/organization fees.

Contact EPA for assistance and information:EPA Region 10 Web Site:

<http://www.epa.gov/r10earth/lead.htm> then click on "Training and Certification"

EPA Region 10 Lead Program:

1-800-424-4EPA then ask for a lead program specialist

EPA Application Assistance Help Line - National Lead Information Center:

1-800-424-LEAD